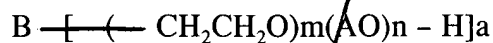


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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1 and 5-7 as follows, the changes being shown by brackets and underlining in an Appendix hereto:

1. (Amended) A chemically peeling agent comprising a component (A) having the following general formula:



(wherein B is an alcohol residue;

AO is an alkylene-oxy group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms;

a is an integer of 1 or more;

m is an integer of 4 or more; and

n is 0 or an integer of 1 or more;

provided that a molar amount m of the oxidized ethylene to be added is a value that amounts to 40% or more of the entire molecular weight of an ethylene oxide chain moiety)

and a phenol compound (B) formulated in an amount ranging from 10% to 30% by weight.

5. (Amended) The chemically peeling agent as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said phenol compound (B) is salicylic acid.

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6. (Amended) The chemically peeling agent as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein said phenol compound (A) is a member selected from the group consisting of a phenol and a resorcinol.

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7. (Amended) The chemically peeling agent as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein a gelling agent or a viscosity-adjusting agent is added to the component (A) and the phenol compound (B).

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Substitute for the original Abstract the Abstract appended hereto on a separate page.

The amendments to the original Abstract are shown by underlining in an Appendix hereto.